

February 6, 2012

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Chief Operating Officer

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS, DIVERSITY AND EQUITY

Monday, February 6, 2012

**Blue Room
333 S. Beaudry Ave. Room 122
Los Angeles, CA 90017**

**Meeting Agenda
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes January 2012

Commission Members Items

- Presentation by Earl Perkins, Assistant Superintendant School Operations on District response to disproportionality in African American suspension data (to be rescheduled)
- Presentation by Isabel Villalobos, Coordinator, Student Discipline, on District suspension data and protocol (to be rescheduled)
- Presentation by W.I.N. Safe Schools/Healthy Students project, by Joel Cisneros, Acting Project Director of LAUSD Local District 8, and Gustavo Guerra Vasquez, Lead staff for LA County HRC on the project (to be rescheduled to March).

Discussion Items

- Update on LGBT Resolution
- Rodney King Anniversary

Chairperson's Report

Council Members Announcements

Public Comment (2-minutes)

Review Action Item

Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 5, 2012

Upcoming Meetings: First Mondays of the month, 2012: April 2, May 7, June 4

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Office of Human Relations Diversity and Equity

Commission on Human Relations

RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS

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**333 S. Beaudry Ave., 24th Floor, room 173
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PRESENT

Abelsson, Mark	selected
Alba, Dan	selected
De la Rosa, Gary	selected
Figel, Cathy	UTLA
Germaine Watts, Joyce	selected
Greene, David	Vladovic (7)
Jacobs, Lloyd Bud	Superintendent
LeMay, Beverly	selected
Salazar, Gerardo	AALA
Semark, Doug	selected
Wittig, Michele	Martinez (6)
Slamon, Obie	Galatzan
Narcho, Charles	selected

STAFF

Chiasson, Judy

ABSENT

Cruz, Sheldon	LA City/Alt
Halpert-Schilt, Elena	Co HRC/Alt
Hopwood, Michael	LaMotte (1)
Horton, Jeff	Zimmer (4)
Toma, Robin	LACoHRC
Vega-Olds, Eva	selected/ADL

VACANT

LACOE
Kayser (5)
Garcia, (2)
SIEU

Meeting open at 6:20 with Mark Abelsson,

Minutes from January 2012 approved with modifications.

Discussed the tentative March agenda. Will prioritize Earl Perkins & Isabella Villalobos and request a back up if he becomes unavailable. The W.I.N. Safe Schools/Healthy Students project with Robin Toma & Gustavo Guerra Vasquez will be tentatively slated for March.

Student suspensions and expulsions

Reviewed matrix submitted by Isabel Villalobos

Figel said that the ed code and UTLA allowed in-schools suspensions for the remainder of that day and the following day

Ask Isabel to bring materials that are typically delivered to the parents regarding suspension policies.

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The commission is still interested in presentations from critical stakeholders:

Earl Perkins and/or Jaime Aquino on the OCR ruling on disproportionality of African American students in suspension data;
LA Sheriff department to discuss crime and violence in the community;
Nancy Franklin on School Wide Positive Behavior Support – desirable behavior is defined, modeled and recognized.
Public Counsel who conducted the OCR investigation.

Ad Hoc committee on reducing disproportionality

Commissioners Germaine Watts, Wittig & Vega Olds met and reviewed the changes in opportunity transfers, loss of social studies, and opportunities to engage the community.

1. Seek advice from a variety of organizations whose constituents are concerned about suspensions
2. Write a report and hold a press conference on the consent decree
3. Synthesize views and cross section of perspectives from the board members and community members
4. Identify those who are working on suspension and discipline issues

Interested in having commissioners be invited to be part of working groups inside the district.

FAIR Education Act

JC has been working with instruction, health education, educational equity on gathering materials, resources and lesson plans.

Commission Figel suggested wording it as a “request for a contributions for resources” rather than “lesson plans” in the form of a brief narrative with standards

JC is working with outside agencies who are doing similar work.

Figel asked the CTA caucus to catalog sources of resources and lesson plans, and correlate them with the standards.

Alba advised that the new common core standards will be in place in 2014.

Commissioner Figel shared that morale among certificated staff is “in the gutter” and there is a tremendous amount of distrust. Some consider Miramonte a strategy to discredit teachers. Commissioner Salazar echoed that the administrators feel just as demoralized.

Awards ceremony, Sunday, June 3rd at Museum of Tolerance

Action Items

Website Judy & Mark will work together on the website.

JC call LaMotte’s secretary to find out where she transferred the money

Cathy requested an update from the superintendent on the LGBTQ Board Resolution

JC send out adopted LGBT Resolution to all

JC send revised January minutes

Invite Earl Perkins and Isabel Villalobos to next month’s meeting, with back up plan if they are unable to attend

Send proposed for Earl Perkins to Mark Abelson who will organize and submit to Mr. Perkins

Adjourned

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